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REPORT

TOPIC BRANDIS Airfield

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DATE OF CONTENT

DATE OBTAINED

DATE PREPARED 3 November 1949

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

1 September 1949

1. The extension (250x500-foot concrete strip) of the eastern section of the runway of the BRANDIS (N 52/E 31) airfield, was completed, making a total runway length of 5,600 feet. The western section extension of the runway had not reached the MACHERN (N 53/E 41) - POLENZ (N 52/E 41) road. About 40 laborers worked there. New underground cables for airfield lighting were being laid along the extension runway.
2. An estimated two to three hundred Soviet Air Force troops occupied the field. According to local residents, the unit previously stationed in BRANDIS left between 24 August and 28 August 1949. Almost all officers' billets were vacant. The following aircraft were counted in front of the hangars: Three U-2s and four twin-engine semi-high-wing monoplanes with single rudder assembly, suspended radial engines, far projecting cockpit.

3. There was little motor vehicle traffic.

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4. Extension work on the runway had advanced to 160 feet from the MACHERN-POLENZ road. Cement slabs were being laid.

5. The field kasernes were not occupied to capacity.

[redacted] an air force unit of about two hundred men is stationed at the field. All hangars were empty and there was no flying. Three Yak fighters were parked on the landing field.

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6. The runway was extended and concreted as far as the MACHERN-POLENZ road.
7. The airfield was occupied by guard details of about 150 men wearing black-bordered, blue epaulets. All hangars were empty

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and no aircraft or flying was observed.

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Comment:

a. The runway originally was about 5,800 feet long. The information that, after extension, it was about 5,600 feet long is considered wrong.

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[redacted] the runway was extended by about 500 feet to the east and 160 to 330 feet to the west (as far as the MACLENN-POLAK road). This would make it about 6,600 feet long. The expansion work was apparently completed on 25 September 1949.

b. The fighter units previously stationed in Bando were no longer observed.

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